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SUBJECT: SPANISH VIEW OF ICJ OPINION ON SPANISH SAHARA.

1. SPANISH AMBASSADOR ALBA CALLED OCTOBER 17 AT HIS URGENT REQUEST TO CONVEY TO DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY LOWENSTEIN GOS INTERPRETATION OF ICJ ADVISORY OPINION ON SPANISH SAHARA. SPEAKING ON INSTRUCTIONS, ALBA SAID ICJ HAS RULED IN SUCH A WAY AS TO INSTRUCT GOS TO OBSERVE THE APPLICABLE UNGA RESOLUTION; ANY OTHER INTERPRETATION WOULD BE INCONSISTENT WITH COURT'S RULING.

2. LOWENSTEIN SAID USG HAD NOT HAD TIME TO STUDY ICJ OPINION BUT THAT WE HOPED COURT'S DECISION WOULD FACILITATE THE PEACEFUL SOLUTION WE CONTINUED TO SEEK.

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3. COMMENT: WE INFER FROM ALBA'S STATEMENT THAT GOS
WILL STICK WITH SELF-DETERMINATION AS BASIS FOR ITS
SAHARAN POLICY. INGERSOLL

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